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CLERK: Amendment (read).

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the amendment? Well all right, the question is shall the amendment be adopted? All those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered, the amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Now I have an amendment, a motion to amend by Senator Carpenter, but he is absent, so.

SPEAKER: Very good. I think we probably in deference to that amendment as filed here, then I think we really should pass the bill over. Senator Carpenter incidentally is some place in the sky over Omaha, I'm advised, and he is expected some time today. High in the sky, right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are we going to pass over it?

SPEAKER: I think we should pass it over.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I agree.

SPEAKER: Very good. That moves us on to Senator Syas' LB 194. Unless, excuse me, Senator Whitney for what purpose do you rise? Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: A point of information from the Chair.

SPEAKER: Yes sir.

SENATOR WARNER: Could I inquire, will you normally rule if a Senator has the amendment pending and is not absent to pass over? It makes a great deal of difference -

SPEAKER: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Because I could well put an amendment on when I know I'm going to be gone just to stop the bill, and if I can do that I'd like to know it.

SPEAKER: Well there isn't any rule as you know Senator Warner to cover us, I think the Chair would do it out of courtesy to those who are interested in the bill and I realize it could be a tool, and a manipulative tool in the hand of the legislature,-

SENATOR WARNER: I have no objection to the tool Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER: Maybe we should have a rule introduced on it. Senator Duis do you want to consider that as a possible rule, it's strictly up to the body, I'm just the presiding officer.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I kind of like to leave that as a decision of the Chair because I believe that the Chair would be somewhat cognizant of what was going on and whether a person was absent for a reason, or just ducked out of the room, so I would hope that you don't have another rule to present to us right away, thank you.

SPEAKER: Well that was the reason I proceeded my remarks by mentioning it, that Senator Carpenter was in route but had been unavoidably detained by the weather of course, but that is something to consider and I appreciate Senator Warner calling it to the attention of the Chair. All right, the Clerk will read the title please to LB 194, Senator Syas' bill.

CLERK: Title Read LB 194. There are no committee amendments or other amendments.

SPEAKER: Thank you, Senator Syas what is your pleasure?